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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 3 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,18 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (Form 1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujimori et al (US 2004/0169810) in view of Choi (US 6781658) and Castleberry (Re 33,829, reissue of US 4804953).

Fujimori discloses a reflective liquid crystal display device comprising (see at least Figure 1): a substrate having first and second pixel regions; a gate line (inherently) on the substrate; a data line (inherently) crossing the gate line and defining the pixel regions; a thin film transistor (inherently) connected to the gate line and the data line, wherein the thin film transistor (inherently) comprises a gate electrode, an active layer, and source and drain electrodes; at least first and second reflective electrodes over the thin film transistor, wherein the first and second reflective electrodes are separated from each other by a first gap, the first and second reflective electrodes are located at the first and second pixel regions, respectively, and a patterned spacer 6 filling the first gap between the first and second reflective electrodes.

Fujimori fails to disclose the data line comprising branch lines and the pixel electrodes completely covering the data line at the pixel regions.

Castleberry discloses redundancy provided in the data lines (i.e., the data line comprising branch lines) of the liquid crystal display device for achieving advantages such as improved reliability and greater fabrication yield. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ the data lines having branch lines between pixel regions for achieving advantages such as improved reliability and greater fabrication yield.

Choi disclose the pixel electrodes completely covering the data lines regions for advantages such as high aperture ratio (see at least Figure 3). Choi discloses the pixel electrode and the data line having an overlapping area substantially the same as a second overlapping area formed by the adjacent pixel electrode and the data line. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ the pixel electrodes completely covering the data line at the pixel regions for advantages such as high aperture ratio.

The pixel electrode inherently connected to the drain electrode, the gate electrode connected to the gate line, and the source electrode connected to the data line.

Fujimori discloses the reflective electrode(s) formed of a material such as Al, Ag (col. 5, lines 8-10).

Fujimori discloses the reflective electrodes having an uneven surface (see at least Figure 1).

Fujimori discloses the spacer formed of a material such as photosensitive organic material having a negative type (col. 7, [0135] and [0136]).

Fujimori discloses the spacer including a black material (opaque) (col. 9, [0158]).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 21 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 3 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 and its dependent claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2303.

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